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Sir:

In response to the Official Letter dated September 25, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

Substitute the accompanying abstract for the originally filed abstract.

Rewrite the paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 1, as follows:

-- The invention relates to a soundboard of composite fibre material construction comprising at least one composite fibre laminate consisting of long fibres and carrier material, such soundboard being for use in an acoustic musical instrument, particularly a bowed stringed instrument. --.

Insert the following heading between lines 6 and 7

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